A TRUE

RELATION

OF THE

EXECUTION

OF

Mr. EDWARD COLEMAN.

AT

TYBURN

Who received Sentence of Death at the *Kings-Bench-Bar* at *Westminster*, on the 27th day of *November* last, for HIGH TREASON, *To be Draw'd Hang'd and Quar[tered]*.

With the manner of his Behaviour at the place of EXECUTION.

With Allowance.

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The Execution of Mr. Edward Coleman, *who ſuffered at* Tyburn *the 3d of* December. 1678.

ALTHOUGH at other times bare Curioſity, and the Itch which is Epidemical to Humane Nature of hearing News, be ſufficient to juſtifie Accounts of this Nature, of the laſt and dying *Exits* of Malefactors, although it be but a very private loſs, which ſhould be the occaſion of their Tragedy, yet in the Particular we are now to mention, the conſiderations thereof are of ſo Publick and Univerſal a concern, that there is no perſon whoſe Intereſt is not concerned therein.

If we conſider how much every mans particular intereſts, even that of his Life, Eſtate, and Property, are preſerved by, and depend upon that Government under our moſt Gra-

cious Soveraign, which is the Bulwark to all, and Fence to every one of his Individual Subjects Rights, and Intereſts; and that our Religion, Laws, Lives, Properties, and all depend upon the ſafety and ſecurity of it. And how the ſame, by a curſed and helliſh Plot, and Conſpiracy of the Pope and his Agents, have been endeavoured to be undermined, it cannot but raiſe great and mighty Expectations from all Perſons that wiſh well to their King, Country, and themſelves, to have ſome Account of the laſt end of thoſe that are taken away by the hands of Juſtice into another World, for engaging in thoſe deſperate deſigns.

One of thoſe (amongſt others, that through Gods Infinite goodneſs, and the prudence and vigilancy of our Magiſtrates, have been diſcovered) is the Subject of this Narrative, Mr. *Edward Coleman*, an eminent perſon in the Party, who was tryed upon *Wedneſday* the 27*th* of *November* laſt at the Bar of the *Kings-Bench* at *Weſtminſter*, before the Lord Chief Juſtice, and the reſt of the Honourable

rable Judges of that Court, from which Court he received his Sentence after a long and favourable hearing of all that he had to say for himself.

We shall not pretend to meddle with the Particulars of his Tryal; there being (as we are informed) an Ample and Exact Account thereof authoriz'd for the Press.

The Unhappy Malefactor, who is the subject of this Paper, was upon the Third of this Instant *December* brought down according to Custom, and placed upon a Sledge, being drawn with four Horses, with innumerable Spectators of his sad Calamity. His behaviour as he passed appear'd to be very penitent and humble; praying all the way he went from a Book that he had in his hand, and sometimes by way of Ejaculation, as appear'd by the lifting up of his hands and Eyes, without any regard to the press of people that were about him. His Countenance was modest enough, and compos'd, insomuch that it was charitably believed that he had a true sense of his wickedness.

The *Ordinary*, since the time of his Condemnation, was very Instant with him, according to the Duty of his Place and Profession, to bring him to light of his Transgressions; to whom he gave a fair

fair hearing without much of Reply, saving that upon *several occasions* discourſing of the *Church of Rome*, he was *observed* to give Reaſon to *believe*, that as he had *lived* for a long time, ſo he appeared to *continue*, in the *Faith* of the *Romiſh Church*.

Being brought to the place of Execution, he paſs'd from the Sledge into a Cart; where being ſettled, he betook himſelf to his Devotion, and afterwards declared himſelf in the Matter of his Religion, acknowledging that he had done what he could to draw people into that Perſwaſion: Making anſwer to ſeveral Queſtions that were asked him, which cannot be here perfectly related; for the noiſe of the multitude was ſo great, that even thoſe who were neareſt him had much ado to hear any thing diſtinctly that he ſpake.

Having finiſhed what he had to ſay, he gave the Executioner the hint when he was to do his Duty; who turn'd him off, and Executed him in all points according to the

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Order of his Sentence. And being cut up and dealt with according to the direction of the Law, his Quarters were returned upon the Sledge that carried him to the place of Execution

The Bloody circumstances of whose unhappy Catastrophe could not but infuse into the amaz'd Spectators a compassionate dread, to see their miserable fellow Creature thus lamentably cut off in almost the Meridian of his days. One who otherwise was aptly accomplished both with parts and abilities to make the best of his allotted time, by managing the happy series of a quiet life to the greatest advantage, had the unpurchasable Prerogative of a Gentile birth, literate Education, competent Fortune, natural endowments; and what compleats these blessings, and chiefly makes them so, the inestinable priviledge of living under a serene and mild Government, managed by certainly the most merciful and best of Kings: I say had all these been lookt on as sufficient Tyes to oblige a man to peace and Loyalty, we then had

had had no ſad occaſion to trouble our ſelves with theſe ſad Narratives; but when men contrary to common Reaſon, or the naked Dictates of Humane Nature ſhall be proved by ſufficient Evidence to conſpire againſt the life of ſo gracious a Prince, the ſubverſion of Government, and the ruine and deſtruction of his Fellow ſubjects, and all this meerly becauſe they are not of his opinion, in ſome matters of Religion, I ſay this is enough to make every honeſt man retract his pity, and think no puniſhment ſevere enough for him who ſhall be found guilty of ſo horrid a Crime.

FINIS.